

BULLETIN BOARD

"Serving our educational family members who did not work less; but only worked for less."

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August 2018

President's Message

Wow, we are thirty years old! TREDDA was founded in 1988 based on the premise that educators should take care of their retired brethren in financial distress. Back then, founding father Glenn Porter would visit Teacher Retirement System headquarters in Austin and pore over their statistical and financial data. His focus groups were single teachers and paraprofessionals who required early disability retirement. The findings indicated quality of life issues for many in these two groups who had no additional sources of income. Since our founding, TREDDA has awarded over \$800,000.00 to 125 recipients in Bexar County.

Today's retirees face many obstacles to care-free living. TRS pensions do not increase with a rise in the cost of living index. Property tax values keep surging, but not all taxes are frozen for seniors. Most seniors can expect 30 years of retirement, but they face the threat of dementia, nursing home care, and/or outliving their financial resources. If you know a TRS retiree in need of financial help and income is below the national poverty level, please let us know. Our contact person is Ann Sefcik at (210)824-5058.

Thanks to your support, TREDDA has net assets of \$700,000.00 available for awards. Five individuals have become TREDDA Life Members this year, increasing our Life Membership to 319. You may contact Mary Fox at (830)229-5505 for Life Membership details.

This issue of the Bulletin Board includes the mini-biography of the seventh and final member with a namesake school. We enjoyed recognizing these outstanding educators.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.
President

Membership

Mary Arnold Fox

We have 398 members in TREDDA.

Deceased members:

Doris (Micki) Davis
Sandra J. Kurtin
Anna Rose

Pauline Denham
Carol A. Law
Robert E. Tiemann

Jane Flood
Travis W. McCown
Dr. Mary Jo Willings

Sue S. Holmsley
Virgil C. Peterson
Henry H. Young

New Life Members:

*Any member may become a life member of TREDDA. Life Membership is \$500.00. Payments can be made in five equal installments of \$100.00 each year over the five consecutive years. Payments may be made in ten payments of \$50.00 each over ten consecutive years.

Teresa Garcés
Gloria Sparkman

Mary Alice Garza
John Thilman

Dr. Rogelio López
Gloria C. Tobin

Gloria Quiroz
Richard Tobin

New Members:

Pura Gloria González

Extra Contributions:

Sonya Acosta
Ollie Burnett
Katheryn Cox
Carmen Flores
Helen Hamm
Doris Lowe
Carmen Rivas
Richard Tobin
Adrienne & Jerome Weynand
Nancy York

Elizabeth Archinal
Joyce Chamberlain
Beatrice Demitre
Adela García
Kay Lynn Hill
Georgia McCarley
Diana Rivas
Edward Vara
Dorothy E. Williams
Mary Ann Zaldívar

Earle Benson
Dr. Gay Chedester
Peggy Duderstadt
Louis Goldsmith
Dee Hollimon
Thomas Pettus
Dr. Víctor Rodríguez
Molly Watt
Lou Williams

Naomi Brown
D. Frank Clark
Carolyn Farmer
Pura Gloria González
Trudy Kinnison
Janice Pohlers
Sid Sablow
Randi Myer Wayland
Armelia Woods

SAVE THE DATE

TREDDA Birthday Lunch and Fundraiser

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Acadiana Café 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Silent Auction at 11:00a.m.

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00 per ticket

Deadline for Lunch Reservation: Friday, September 14th, 2018

You should have received a letter with more information from Dianna Buxkemper. You can contact Dianna at (210)733-8058.

We are including the following list of donations from the September 2017 fundraiser:

Anonymous
Barbara Flood
Jody Harkrider
Thomas Pettus
Dr. Norma Smith-Tyler
Lou Williams

Eloy Arguello
Jane Flood
Dorothy Hollimon
Peggy Ramsey
Carmen Tovar
Alicia Wilson

Joyce Chamberlain
Gerardo Flores
Dorothy McCain
Pat Schmitz
Gloria Treviño

D.F. Clark
Sue Hall
Virgil Peterson
Ann Sefcik
Capt. Randi Wayland

Treasurer
Dr. Charlotte Travis

August 1, 2018

Checking Account	\$3,903.71
Assets	\$798,067.41
Awards Paid	\$18,978.00

TREDDA currently has 16 awardees who receive a check on April 1st, August 1st, and December 1st. In addition, they receive \$50.00 on their birthday and at Christmas.

Assets include savings, CDs, money market, stocks, bonds, and property.

Notes from our grateful recipients

"Thank you! Texas Retired Educators Deferred Dividend Association. I am so blessed to have wonderful people like you all are great! Thanks again for your help!"

"Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. God bless everyone."

"I'd thank Him for lending me you. Or should I say "for you lending me a helping hand!" I thank God for people like all of you-people who care about others. Thank you so much. Sincere gratitude..."

"TREDDA Angels, Thank you for still helping me. I don't know what I would have done without your help. May the Lord bless all of you...God bless you all."

"...I received your card and I wanted to send you a very special THANK YOU!"

Memorials
Margaret Garcia

Memorial For:

Paul A. Rode
James Buchanon

Memorial From:

Jill Daldwell
Mary C. Tovar

For more information on donations or memorials, view our website at www.TREDDA.org or call Margaret Garcia at 210-213-9962.

Namesake campus: Lawrence Powell Elementary, Northside ISD

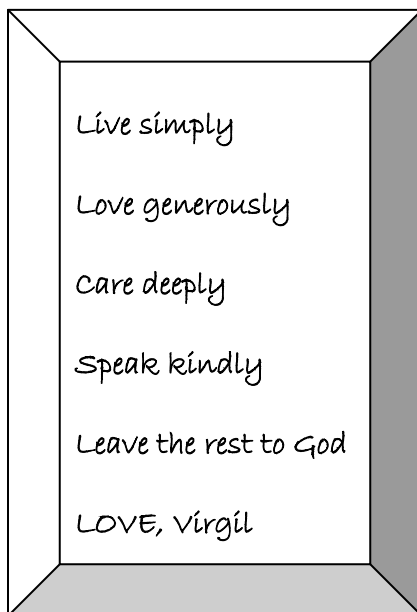
Lawrence R. Powell Jr. 10/7/1927-5/2/2013 World War II Navy veteran

Lawrence Powell Jr. graduated from Jefferson High School in San Antonio. He earned a Bachelor's degree in physical education from Trinity University and a Master's degree in educational administration from Sul Ross State College. In 1953, he began a 36 year career as a public school teacher, coach, and school administrator. At Del Rio High School, Lawrence Powell taught history and coached baseball, basketball, and football from 1954 to 1966. He was especially proud of being the first coach in the Old South to play a Black quarterback in an integrated high school team (1960). In 1966 Lawrence returned to San Antonio where he was Assistant Principal and head football coach at Marshall High School for two years.

Powell dedicated his life to the development and education of the child despite having to endure physical hardship. In the early 1950's he survived a battle with polio. In 1973 brain tumor removal surgery left him deaf in one ear and facial paralysis which made hearing, speaking, and swallowing difficult. Mr. Powell served as Principal of Thunderbird Elementary from 1974-1989, which was named in his honor. Former Superintendent Jack Jordan, in recommending the name change, described Powell as a "quiet, thoughtful, unassuming individual who cares about everyone and who has touched many lives."

Powell is survived by his wife Barbara, three children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Rest in peace Mr. Powell.

Sources: SA Express News, Northside ISD



***You do not have to be a member to make a donation to TREDDA.**

Donations are tax deductible.

Any questions about the newsletter, contact Karen Hawkins at thgi1@juno.com.